

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

- **CAQM held series of consultations with GNCTD and NCR State Governments to prepare ambitious plans to increase green cover in Delhi and NCR**
- **As part of that, CAQM takes stock of the Greening Action Plan for increasing green cover in the NCT of Delhi for the year 2022-23**
- **Commission laying extra emphasis on large-scale greening and dense plantation/ urban foresting initiatives including the Miyawaki Technique**
- **CAQM finalizes enhanced plantation targets as compared to previous year**
- **33% enhanced target set for plantation/ greening during 2022-23, with 31,89,191 plantations as against 26,21,481 plantations targeted for 2021-22**
- **Commission focuses on active participation from 16 Agencies / Departments including educational and research institutions towards greening and plantation across Delhi**
- **Commission also lays emphasize on using Miyawaki technique along the boundaries of the institutions and patches of land, and gap filling between the conventional plantations.**
- **Schedule of major activities is part of the Greening Action Plan for effective monitoring.**
- **Plantation to commence from 1st week of July, 2022 and is to be completed by the end of July.**

NEW DELHI:

Strengthening its efforts to enhance the green cover of the national capital, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) has held series of consultations with a view to discuss and finalize Greening Action Plan for the year 2022-23 in Delhi. Greening is one of the major actions for abatement of air pollution and Commission has been laying emphasis on large-scale greening/plantation/ urban foresting initiatives including the Miyawaki Technique across the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. Different departments/agencies concerned with greening in the NCT of Delhi have been actively involved in finalizing the roadmap for greening/ plantation in the national capital.

For the year 2022-23, the Commission has advised enhanced plantation targets as compared to previous year. The major agencies / departments involved in giving a major boost to greening efforts include various departments of GNCTD like Forest, Education, PWD, Irrigation and Flood Control etc. and agencies like Municipal Bodies, DSIIDC, DUSIB, DJB, DMRC etc. CPWD, DDA and DCB are also major contributors to the Greening Action Plan.

As compared to the previous year (2021-22), a 33% increase in plantation target has been set for the year 2022-23. The target for plantation/ greening for the current year is 31,89,191 compared to 26,21,481 for 2021-22. The plantation targets for the year 2022-23 include 6,06,098 trees; 25,69,093 shrubs and about 14,000 Bamboos. Timelines covering various activities including site selection, pit digging, soil weathering, commencement of plantation, completion of plantation, weed removal, mortality refreshment, monitoring and replacement are part of the Greening Action Plan.

While finalizing the Greening Action Plan, the need to focus greening along the central verges and roadsides has been stressed upon. Higher educational institutions, universities and research institutions have also been roped in towards the greening/ plantation drive. The Commission has advised dense plantation using Miyawaki technique along the boundaries of the institutions and patches of land and gap filling between the conventional plantations along with post plantation care of the plants. The progress of implementation of Greening Action Plan will also be monitored by the Commission.
